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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently amended) An intra chip or intra multi-chip module on a shared substrate multi-wavelength optical communication system comprising:
 - a number of emitters each of which emits radiation at a different wavelength;
 - a plurality of detectors each of which senses radiation at a different wavelength corresponding to the radiation from one of said emitters; and
 - a shared waveguide including a scattering medium configured with dispersive particles for transmitting emitted radiation to said detectors;
 - wherein each emitter includes a scattering grating for redirecting the emitted radiation laterally through said shared waveguide.
- 2. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which said emitter includes a vertical cavity surface emitting laser.
 - 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which a said detector includes a filter for selectively passing one of said wavelengths from said emitters.
- 5. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 4 in which said filter includes a Bragg grating.
- 6. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which said shared waveguide scatters the lateral leakage radiation from said emitters.
- 7. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which said emitter includes an LED.
- 8. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which said emitter includes an edge emitting laser.

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9. (Currently amended) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of elaim 1 in which said An intra chip or intra multi-chip module on a shared substrate multi-wavelength optical communication system comprising:

a number of emitters each of which emits radiation at a different wavelength;

a plurality of detectors each of which senses radiation at a different wavelength

corresponding to the radiation from one of said emitters; and

a shared waveguide including a scattering medium configured with dispersive particles for transmitting emitted radiation to said detectors;

wherein each emitter includes a reflector for redirecting the emitted radiation laterally through said shared waveguide.

- 10. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which said emitters and detectors are disposed in a generally planar array.
- 11. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 10 in which said shared waveguide is generally planar.
- 12. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which said emitters and detectors are disposed on a chip.
- 13. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 12 in which said chip is gallium arsenide.
- 14. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which said chip is flip-chip bonded to a silicon chip.
- 15. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which said shared waveguide is disposed on an integrated circuit chip to provide intrachip communications.
- 16. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which said shared waveguide is disposed part on one integrated circuit chip and part on another integrated circuit chip to provide interchip communication.

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17. (Currently amended) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of elaim 1 in which An intra chip or intra multi-chip module on a shared substrate multi-wavelength optical communication system comprising:

a number of emitters each of which emits radiation at a different wavelength;

a plurality of detectors each of which senses radiation at a different wavelength

corresponding to the radiation from one of said emitters; and

a shared waveguide including a scattering medium configured with dispersive particles for

transmitting emitted radiation to said detectors, shared waveguide includes and a

reflective medium for containing the scattering radiation.

- 18. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 17 in which a reflective medium is a lower index of refraction from the waveguide.
- 19. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 in which said shared waveguide is disposed part on a plurality of chips mounted on a common substrate to provide interchip communication.
- 20. (Original) The multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 1 further including an opaque barrier for absorbing the radiation.
 - 21. (Cancelled)
- 22. (Currently amended) A multi-wavelength optical communication system comprising:

a number of emitters each of which emits radiation at a different wavelength;
a plurality of detectors each of which senses radiation at a different wavelength
corresponding to the radiation from one of the emitters; and
a shared waveguide for transmitting radiation from the emitters to the detectors, the
waveguide including a scattering medium configured with dispersive particles, The
multi-wavelength optical communication system of claim 17 wherein the shared
waveguide is disposed part on one substrate and part on another substrate, thereby
allowing communication between circuitry on the substrates.